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Application of: SLATER, A.
Serial No. : 09/384,678
Filed : August 27, 1999
For : **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MERCHANT
FUNCTION ASSUMPTION OF INTERNET
CHECKING AND SAVINGS ACCOUNT
TRANSACTIONS**
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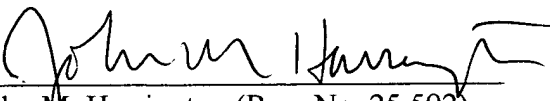
Applicant respectfully requests a four-month extension of time in which to file an Appeal Brief in the above-identified patent application. A Notice of Appeal was filed on August 20, 2003. This extension of time will extend the period to file a response up to and including February 20, 2004.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$1,480.00 to cover the fees for this action. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required by this action, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1458. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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